

# **ACCOUNTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**October 30, 2006**

The Accounting Advisory Committee met at 3:30 p.m., Monday, October 30. Those in attendance were Mr. Richard Bowden, Dr. John Boyd, Ms. Myra Decker, Ms. Kayla Fessler, Mr. Tim Hassen, Mr. Ron Summers, and Ms. Becky Tucker. Mr. David Greenwell, Ms. Linda Lawson, Mr. Keith McKinnon, and Ms. Charlo Reynolds were unable to attend.

Ms. Kayla Fessler welcomed committee members, and introductions were made.

Committee members were provided a report from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness concerning graduates. In the past three years, only fourteen students have graduated with an Associate in Applied Science in Business – Accounting Option. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education require an average of five graduates per year over a three-year period. If a program has fewer graduates than required, program faculty must provide justification for continuance of the program.

Faculty members asked for the committee's input on the continuance of the accounting program. Ms. Tucker stated that she hired AAS graduates with two years of experience. Therefore, she saw a need for the program. Mr. Hassen stated that eight years ago, he saw a demand for the program. However, it may be time to delete the degree. Because many of the students enrolled in advanced accounting courses are only seeking accounting credit hours, the courses are more important than the degrees. He wanted to know if the advanced courses could be offered without a degree.

Ms. Decker discussed a plan which business faculty has been considering. Instead of an AAS in Business with different options, perhaps a more generic AAS in Business degree could be developed. Dr. Boyd, Acting Dean, Instructional Resources, was not certain that the regents would approve such a plan. He will review regents' policy to determine if it is feasible.

Mr. Hassen made a motion to gather input from the advisory committee members not in attendance before making any further recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.